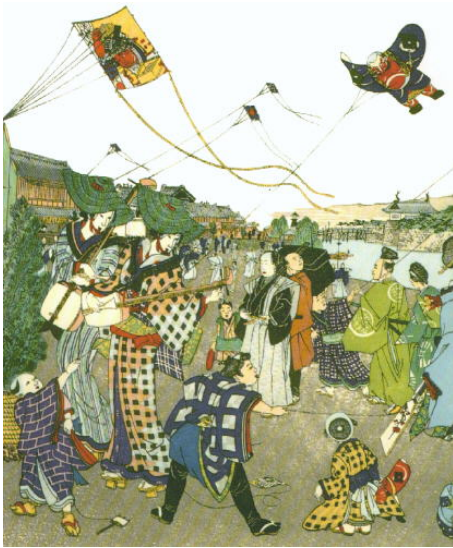


# Kite Workshop: Educators



A rare opportunity to learn and teach students how to make kites is being offered to teachers K ~ 12. Three internationally known kite masters from the Drachen Foundation will be in Salt Lake City, Utah, in mid April, 2008. For Drachen Foundation and its artists, please visit: [www.drachen.org](http://www.drachen.org)

It is about arts and science. These are the benefits being offered to you. They are:

- You can qualify for recertification points or in-service credit from the Utah State Office of Education core curriculum for visual arts and possibly for science.
- You can take home: lesson plans, kite making instructions, links to Drachen Foundation for kites in the world. A list of

bibliographies that have history, culture, tradition, religious significance, and the aerodynamics of flying kites.

- The best part, WORKSHOP IS FREE. Online registration is available at: [www.matsumotosl.org](http://www.matsumotosl.org) and click **registration**.

When: Friday, April 11, 2008.  
9:00 a.m. ~ Noon for teachers K ~ 6  
1:00 ~ 4:00 p.m. for teachers 7 ~ 12

Where: Salt Lake City Library, Main Library, Conference Room Lower Level.  
210 East 400 South, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84111.

Who: Drachen Foundation Artists: **Scott Skinner**, Colorado Springs, Colorado, **Nobuhiko Yoshizumi**, Kyoto, Japan, and **Ali Fujino**, Seattle, Washington.

Why: Art touches all of us. It is a powerful, invisible force that communicates and touches our heart and soul.

The kite lecture and workshop is part of an ongoing, year-long celebration of Salt Lake / Matsumoto Sister Cities 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The 2008, marks the mile stone achievement between the two sister cities. How better to celebrate and commemorate this special occasion than to celebrate with the children, the youth, and the child in each of us.

Sponsored by: The Salt Lake City Library System, The Utah Arts Council, The National Endowment for the Arts, The Salt Lake City Arts Council, Salt Lake City Corporation, The Drachen Foundation, Japan Cultural Heritage Foundation.

Information: For further information on other activities and events, please visit:  
[www.matsumotosl.org](http://www.matsumotosl.org)

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**Kite Personalities – Nobuhiko Yoshizumi** © 2007 The Drachen Foundation by Scott Sinner and Yoshizumi's *Craftsman in Fushimi, Series 16*.

“Yoshizumi makes from miniature kites to big kites. He still holds the Guinness record with the smallest kite. He works on making a replica of an old *ougi* (fan) kite from Edo period based on the paper document from the *ougi* kite company in Kyoto.”

“Yoshizumi's love is the miniature kite. He is an active member of the International Friends of Small Kites, a Dutch organization, and contributes his plans and ideas graphically...” “... he quietly showed me a *tombi-dako*, no more than six inches across. The *tombi* is a graceful, eagle-shaped kite that is difficult to make even in its full size. In miniature, its radical curves and many connections and the fine details of the bamboo frame are a testament to his skill.” According to Yoshizumi, “Mini kite needs to fly. If not, it's not a kite.”

Yoshizumi was heavily involved in making kites for the Goethe Institute's *Kunstdrachen* (Art Kites) exhibition, which features internationally known artists having their work transformed into kites by Japanese traditional kite makers.

Nobuhiko Yoshizumi is from town of Fushimi in Kyoto, Japan, and is currently working with the Drachen Foundation. For more information on Kite Personalities, please visit:

[www.drachen.org](http://www.drachen.org) and **click personalities** and become acquainted with **Scott Skinner** and **Ali Fujino**, both internationally famous kite masters that are visiting Salt Lake City in April 2008.

